

REMARKS

Recommendation is requested in view of the foregoing Amendments and the following remarks.

This Amendment adheres to the Examiner's comments and suggestions in the Office Action. The Examiner's helpful comments are appreciated.

Numbered paragraphs 1 to 6 and 8 of the Office Action do not appear to call for comment.

Numbered paragraphs 7 and 9 - The drawings refer to T3 and T4 assays which are not claimed. Therefore, the drawings have been deleted. The Specification will be appropriately edited, upon indication of allowance.

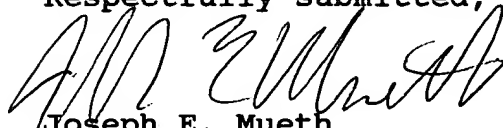
Paragraphs 10-14 do not call for comment.

The claims are 42 to 53, inclusive.

Paragraph 15 - The generic claim, now claim 53, has been carefully revised to eliminate the several phrases which were deemed to be new matter. This claim, as well as the dependent claims which are unchanged, are now in condition for allowance. The rejection on new matter should be withdrawn.

The issuance of an indication of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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